GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DISRUPTION IN FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the international flights were disrupted and faced near collision situation during the recently concluded test of Agni III missiles;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any enquiry into the incident to find out the reasons;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken against the guilty persons; and

(e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to stop such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Advance notice of Agni III launch by India was sent to affected countries by Airports Authority of India (AAI) as per international norms through dedicated channels. AAI issued Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) on 09.04.2007 closing the affected airspace. The NOTAM was distributed to all airlines and all other affected countries as per standard distribution list. No near collision situation was reported by any aircraft.

(b):- The launch of Agni III was done as per proper procedure and hence no investigation was called for.

(c), (d) and (e):- Do not arise.